### 2003 Basin Plan Triennial Review

California Regional Water Quality Control Board San Diego Region

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Our mission is to preserve and enhance the quality of California's water resources, and ensure their proper allocation and efficient use for the benefit of present and future generations

## Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin

Water Quality Plan describing regulatory processes used to accomplish

Mission Statement

- Designates Beneficial Uses
- Designates Water Quality Objectives
- Documents Implementation Plans

#### Why do a Triennial Review?

- Legally required to review water quality standards every 3 years
  - Clean Water Act 303(c)(1)
  - Porter Cologne Act §13240
- Develops a Work Plan Used to Allocate
   Basin Planning Resources

#### What is the Triennial Review?

Public Process that is a Comprehensive Review of Basin Plan.

It is NOT a Basin Plan Amendment

It is a WORK PLANNING EXERCISE

## Components of the Triennial Review

Public Participation in the Basin Plan Triennial Review

**Public Solicitation Periods** 

» January 31-March 14, 2003 «

Accepting comments on Basin Plan Issues

» Summer 2003 «

Accepting comments on Draft Priority List

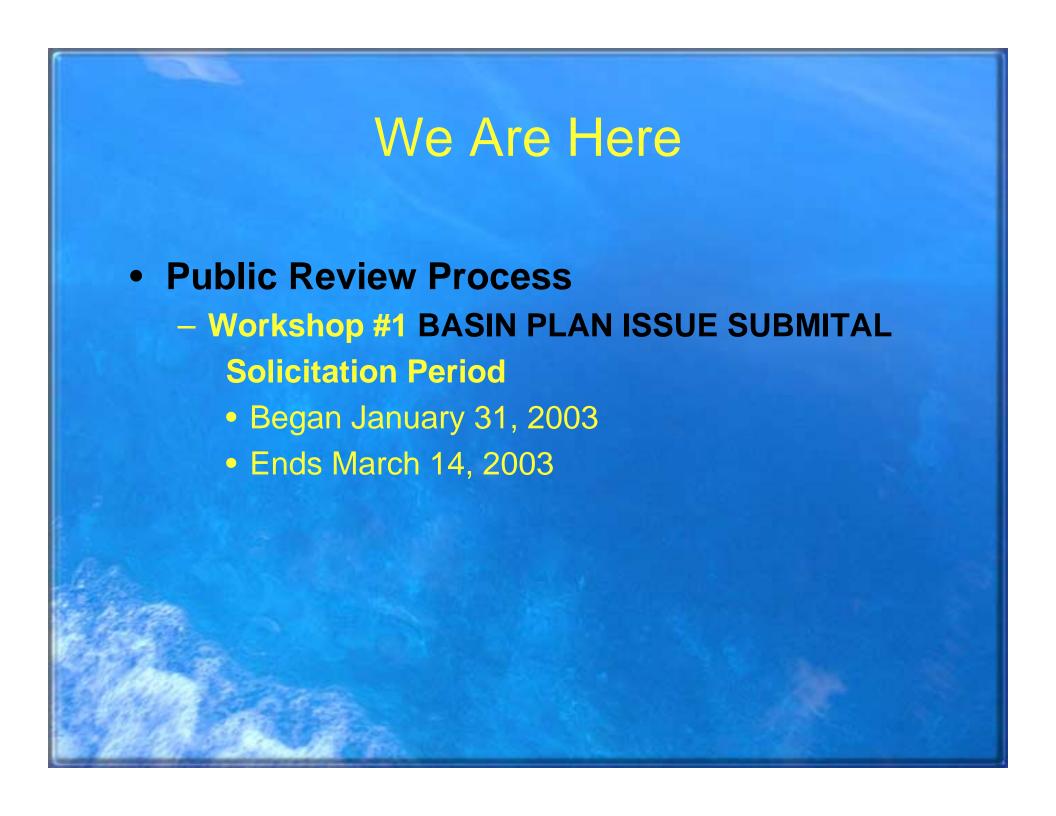
## Results of the Triennial Review

A formal action by the Regional Board adopting a resolution which includes a work plan with the prioritized list which identifies Water Quality Issues to be addressed over the next three years.

Prioritized List is important to direct limited Staff Resources



- Format
  - Brief description of issue
  - Estimate of staff resources
  - Generalized ranking by priority
  - Identify issues that require additional funds





#### **Triennial Review Process**

- Public Hearing Regional Board receives comments from the Public on Draft Prioritized Basin Plan List
  - Second Solicitation Period Closes
- Regional Board Meeting- RWQCB considers adoption of Tentative Basin Plan Issue List

## POTENTIAL RANKING CRITERIA

- Importance & sensitivity of the waterbody(ies) and watershed(s)
- Impact on water quality
- Section 303(d) list prioritization for TMDLs
- Impact on a Water Reclamation Project
- Correction of serious water quality problems
- Probability of realizing measurable improvements in water quality
- Public Health Threat
- Best Professional Judgement
- Staff Resources

#### CRITICAL DATES

- Last Day to submit Basin Plan issue for 2003
   Review March 14, 2003 (2 wks from today)
- Release Draft Prioritized List May 2003
- Public Workshop #2 May 2003
- Public Hearing Summer 2003
- Regional Board Meeting- Summer/Fall 2003

#### Information Exchange

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